

COOK RETURNS TO NEW YORK

Embarrassing Questions Will Be Answered in His "Next Issue."

STILL BELIEVES HIS OWN STORY

Looks to Rehabilitate Himself in the Eyes of His Countrymen—Gives Out Carefully Prepared Interview.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook came back to his native land yesterday on the steamer George Washington as calmly as if there never had been a north pole controversy. He said little. A type-written interview handed to reporters, covered all that he had to say, with the exception of the necessary formalities of conversation thrust on him by interviewers.

Of far more dramatic interest was a heated controversy among the steamer passengers concerning the impression he had made on them. The doctor asserted that he believed in his own story. His statement, in part, follows: "I have no statement to make other than that which I carefully prepared. Any interview I might give would necessarily be fragmentary and doubtless misleading also, so I shall not now give out any interviews, and any purporting to come from me will not be authorized. I spent weeks carefully reviewing my story, and I have frankly said in it all that there is to say. Every charge against me is taken up and answered in the proper place in my narrative."

No Plans for Future. "I do not know what my plans for the future will be. I have not returned to America with the intention of making money out of my Arctic experiences. Money did not prompt the writing of my story, as I have been suggested in certain newspapers. As I have said, I have come back solely for the purpose of rehabilitating myself and my family by setting matters right with my countrymen."

The argument among the George Washington's passengers arose when the doctor's sympathizers aboard wished it understood that he was received with no shadow of discrimination by the other passengers. His enemies wished it made clear that he had been abused. The minute the reporters, who had gone down the harbor on a revenue cutter, stepped into the saloon representatives of both sides assailed them. Passengers who in ordinary circumstances dodge publicity as they would the plague, buttonholed the reporter in their eagerness to present their case first.

Men elbowed each other, trampled on each other's toes, shook their fingers in each other's faces and shouted unqualified denunciations at each other. Women gave up pouring tea to stand on the broadened shades and peer over the ring of men into the vortex of discussion.

Retains Sang Froid. Cook was spared the embarrassment of this hubbub. He met the reporters at the ladder when they boarded the ship, perfectly poised. It was the same Dr. Cook, a little less tanned and worn, but with the same look of hardy handling down over the forehead, the same reticent half-smile and the same stubby mustache.

"In half an hour, gentlemen, I will have a statement for you. Just make yourselves at home in the women's saloon," he said, and led the way himself. He spoke a few words here and there to a friend, shook hands and crossed himself without a trace of self-consciousness.

While the dispute in the women's saloon boiled, more temperate passengers elsewhere found time to tell without heat of the doctor's trip. He came aboard at Bremen, they said, wearing a full beard, but had it shaved off on the first day. His name did not appear on the passenger list at first, but later was placed there as Herr Dr. Frederick A. Cook, on a supplemental list. He was an unostentatious passenger, playing cards evenings with a few friends. Once, when the boats were going round before bedtime and it came his turn to name a health, he was quick to propose the stars and stripes.

One time a passenger who had not remarked him before, asked brusquely: "Are you Dr. Cook?" He answered, "My name is Cook."

"Are you the Dr. Cook who went to the north pole?" persisted the questioner. "I have been there," asserted the doctor, gravely.

The typewritten interview did not satisfy the reporters. They piled him with questions, but to almost all of them he replied: "That has already been covered in the statement," or "I shall answer that in full later."

"Then you will not submit to cross-examination on what you have published?" was asked. "No," said the doctor firmly, and then qualified, "At least not now, and only in my own time and way," he added.

Says He Reached Pole. "You have written, doctor, 'After nature thought I confess that I do not know absolutely whether I reached the pole or not.' Do you believe that you did?" "I still believe it."

"Does your uncertainty at all extend to your account of Mount McKinley?" "Not in the least. I shall have a reply to make to Prof. Henshel C. Parker's latest attack on my ascent of Mount McKinley in a few days."

"Did you still believe in your records when you sent them to the University of Copenhagen?" "Oh, certainly."

"Then why did you call Captain August W. Loewe to aid you in compiling them?" "That will be answered in the next statement."

"You have also written, 'Most positively and emphatically I am not a thief. Most certainly there was no plan to looter the world to my own financial profit.' But if you have admitted doubt of what you spoke from the platform in your lectures, how can you keep the admission free you collected?" "That also will be answered in the next statement."

"Why did you choose to make this statement to the public for money, through the medium of a magazine, rather than to the University of Copenhagen, which had bestowed you with a degree?" "I wanted a medium that would be free from bias."

"You just accept the verdict of the university?" "Yes, I think we have accepted that."

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Two State Regents File Their Report With the Governor

Messrs Coupland and Haller Give Reasons for Not Enlarging Present Campus Site.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 23.—Special Telegram.—George Coupland and Frank L. Haller last night completed their minority report as regents of the University of Nebraska to the governor and legislature, giving many reasons why they ask that the down town campus of the state university be not developed in the future, but that the university plant therein be removed in time to the agricultural college at the state farm, the latter being situated in the suburbs of Lincoln.

Wymore Man Accused in Bank Robbery Case

Held in Jail at Marysville, Kan.—Auto Found Near Scene in Hands of Sheriff.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 23.—Special Telegram.—Charged with complicity in the Beattie (Kan.) bank robbery, which took place a few weeks ago, H. H. Hooper of Wymore was bound over to the district court at Marysville, Kan., today. Hooper was fined at \$1,000, which the defendant had failed to give this evening.

Mauretania Lands Passengers on Time

Last Christmas Boat Arrives at Flag-guard and All Reach Their Destination.

FISHGUARD, Dec. 23.—The Mauretania, which left Liverpool December 23 in an attempt to make a record voyage to New York and return in twelve days, arrived at 10:22 o'clock last night. The quick voyage across the ocean and back and the rapid taking on of the cargo at New York amazed the continental passengers to reach their destinations before Christmas.

Advertisement for THE PEOPLES STORE, 16th & Farnam Streets, Omaha. Features a list of furniture specials including dining room chairs, extension tables, and dressers, with prices ranging from \$6.75 to \$9.75. Also includes a section for Rugs and Furniture with prices from \$2.98 to \$19.98.

Advertisement for RITZ-CARLTON HOTEL, New York. Located at Madison Avenue and Forty-sixth Street. The ad describes the hotel's location, amenities, and management, highlighting its status as a premier European-style hotel in New York.

Advertisement for UNION OUTFITTING CO., 1315-17-19 Farnam St., Omaha. The ad promotes the company's wide selection of goods, including clothing, shoes, and accessories, and emphasizes their commitment to quality and service.